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1. PARA 7 OF REF A MENTIONS AN ANNOUNCEMENT DURING THE BALKAN CONFERENCE THAT THE GREEKS, YUGOSLAVS AND ROMANIANS WOULD MEET IN ATHENS IN MARCH FOR TECHNICAL TALKS ON INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION. AS INDICATED IN REF C, THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS AT THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE THAT SUK - TRIPARTITE MEETING WOULD BE HELD. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION WE OBTAINED HERE, HOWEVER, AS REPORTED IN REF B, DISCOUNTED THE ACCURACY OF THOSE REPORTS.

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2. IN CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEK, OFFICIALS OF GREEK

MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH TRILATERAL TALKS. GENESIS OF STORY MAY HAVE BEEN ROUTINE BILATERAL MEETINGS GOG HAD SCHEDULED WITH ROMANIANS AND YUGOSLAVS. REGULAR SESSION OF GREEK-ROMANIAN INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETINGS TOOK PLACE IN ATHENS IN LATE FEBRUARY, WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON COMMERCIAL MATTERS, BUT WITH SOME REFERENCE TO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. A YUGOSLAV MISSION IS EXPECTED IN ATHENS AROUND MARCH 10 FOR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF THE BILATERAL GREEK-YUGOSLAV TRADE PROTOCOL.

3. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY DIFFERING INFORMATION WHICH DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE ON SUBJECT. KUBISCH

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